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Gilmore Survey District  
Gilmore  
Private

1856

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gilmore Survey District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Maryland Route 36, approximately 1/2 mile south of Midland

CITY, TOWN

Gilmore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MHT Inventory, AL-VI-B-077,079, and 167

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gilmore Survey District is located approximately one-half of a mile south of Midland in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. Maryland Route 36 and the C&P Railroad run NE to SW through the center of the town. The terrain of the survey district is flat.

The architecture of Gilmore is characterized by vernacular-styled duplex and single family, frame dwellings. The typical vernacular house in Gilmore is 2 stories tall, rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof. It is either rectangular or is based on the ell plan. Several of the buildings have shed-roofed additions added to their rear elevations giving them the saltbox shape common to the mining region. Examples are #5 and #35 on the attached map.

The large Midland Coal and Iron Company building (AL-VI-B-167) in the center of the town is a 2½ story, 6 bay by 4 bay frame structure. It rests on a stone foundation and has a gabled roof. Two entrances on the basement level are each flanked by fixed fair light windows. Paired round-headed windows at the attic level indicate an Italianate influence on the design of the building.

The Michaels House (AL-VI-B-079) is an example of the Gothic Revival architecture popular at the mid-19th century. The 2½ story, 3 bay by 2 bay frame building exhibits decorative elements common to the style. These include the intricate gingerbread ornamentation and bracketing of the eaves and the transom and sidelights surrounding the entrance.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD  |   | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING      | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |  |

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
| 1856           |                   |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Gilmore is a small mining village in the center of the Georges Creek coal region of western Maryland. The village located adjacent to the larger town of Midland, was probably built early in the second half of the 19th century.

New mines were being opened in the area south of Frostburg following the completion in 1857 of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad between Frostburg and Lonaconing<sup>1</sup>. As was characteristic of the mining region, as new mines opened, villages soon appeared near them<sup>2</sup>. It is possible that Gilmore was a company town owned by the Midland Coal and Iron Company, whose offices, store, and dumphouse were located there<sup>3</sup>. In 1856 the company was building double houses for miners at a cost of \$400.00 each<sup>4</sup>. In 1864 the assets of the Midland Coal and Iron Company were acquired by the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company which operated a mine near Midland during the 1870's.<sup>5</sup>

Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Thomas and Williams, History of Allegany County, Vol. I, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1969, pp. 538-539.

<sup>2</sup> Katherine Harvey, The Best-Dressed Miners, Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910, Ithica: Cornell Univ. Press, 1969, p.90.

<sup>3</sup> Allegany Equity Case #1416, Exhibit #1 (See AL-VI-B-167)

<sup>4</sup> Katernie Harvey, p. 83.

<sup>5</sup> Allegany County Land Records, Liber 21, Folio 511 (See AL-VI-B-167).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See Footnotes (Significance #8)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw House

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

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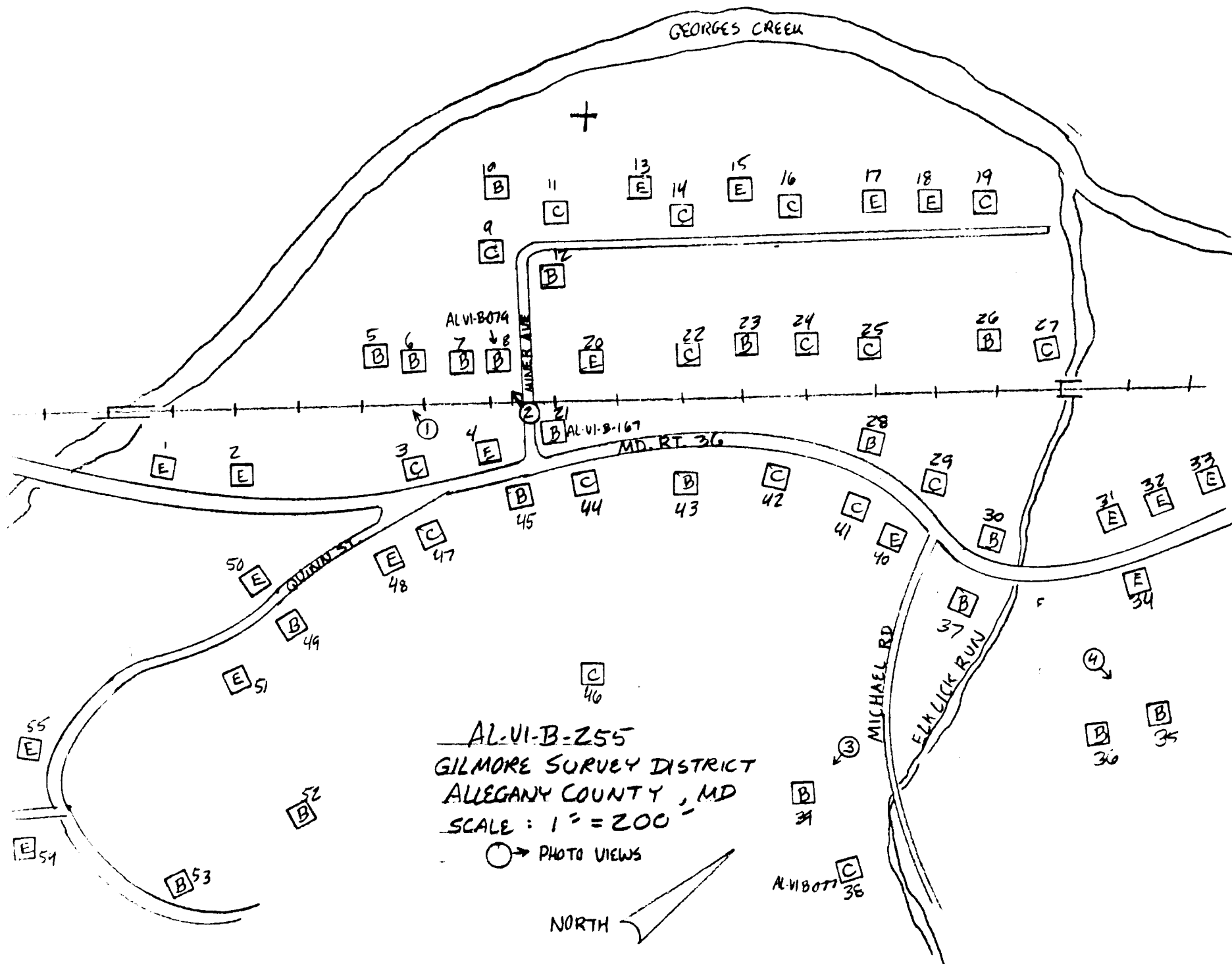
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Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24000  
 1950; photorevised 1974

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 Maryland Route 36, approximately  
 1/2 mile south of Midland





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Gilmore Survey District

Allegany Co., MD

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photo #1, looking southwest



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Gilmore Survey District

Allegany County, MD

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photo #2, looking southwest



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Gilmore Survey District  
Allegany Co., MD  
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photo #3, looking south



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photo #4, looking northwest